[Mr. K. Madhava Kurup.]

have to register a document. But the staff will have to go up the hill every day and the complaint should have come from them, if at all.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 3,18,514 under demand V - Registration was put to vote and carried.

The motion was carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND VI—RAILWAYS.

Mr. R. Rama Varrier: Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 21,500 under Demand VI—Railways.

The Demand was put to vote and carried, and the grant was made.

DEMAND VII—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT including WATER WORKS AND DRAINAGE.

Mr. I. C. Chacko (*Executive Engineer in charge of the duties of the Chief Engineer*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 52,52,419 under Demand VII — Public Works Department including Water works and Drainage.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvila: I submit that there are too many Executive Engineers in the State.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: Sir, I rise to a point of order. I wish to know whether the House will not rise at 4-30 P. M.

President: During Budget session we sit till 5 o' clock.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvila: About 30 years ago when their work was very different and when there was no Motor cars in this country and when there was no convenience for journey I understand that there were stations at an interval of 12 miles. Now this arrangement is not at all necessary. I am also told that there is a rule that an Executive Engineer should not remain in his Head Quarters for more than 10 days in the months. I do not think there is hardly any Executive Engineer who does not return to his House each day. They can return to their Head quarters within a short space of time. Therefore I feel that there are too many Executive Engineers and that their number should be reduced. For example, there is now an Executive Engineer with his Head Quarters at Alwaye. I am told that it was for the convenience of Mr. Everard that Alwaye was made the Head Quarters. I am told that he was not very healthy and in order to suit his convenience of going to Bangalore Alwaye was made his Head Quarters. So instead of Muvattupuzha being made the Head Quarters, Alwaye was made the Head Quarters.

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